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Inventor: William A. Whittenberger  
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LIGHT-OFF CHARACTERISTICS  
Examiner: Josiah C. Cocks  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of October 6, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that he telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

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